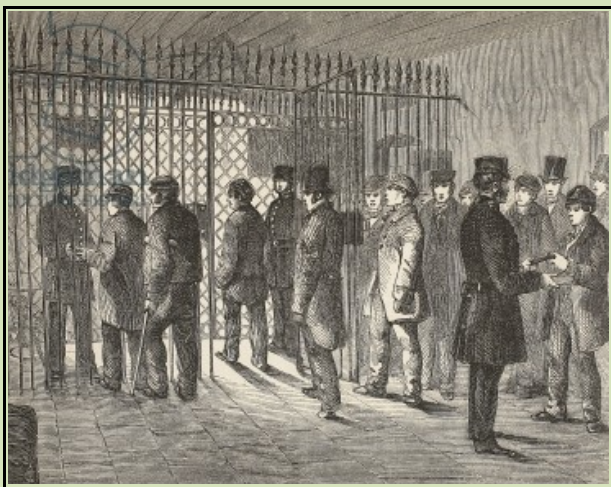


Crime and Punishment

Seend



1765

On Tuesday the 12th inst between the hours of seven and eight in the evening, John Brown, servant to Mr Nicholas Morris of Devizes, was attacked by two footpads, (on the highway leading from Seend to Devizes, as he was returning home from Bristol) who rushed out of the hedge, struck him off his horse, and then robbed him of his watch and fifteen shillings, and after dangerously wounding him in his head, made off towards this city. **Bath Chronicle Thursday 14 February 1765**

1769

At the general quarter sessions for the county of Wilts, which ended on Thursday last at Marlborough. Blagden Abbott, Tythingman of Seend, was convicted of negligently and wilfully letting James Rawlins escape out of his custody, and ordered pay a fine of £20 or to remain in prison 'till paid. **Bath Chronicle and Weekly Gazette Thursday 12 October 1769**

On Wednesday James Cromwell was committed to Fisherton Gaol, for breaking into the dwelling house of Mr Still, publican, at Charlton, in Wilts, and stealing six silver tea spoons etc. He was convicted of stealing a brass furnace from Mrs Hicks, of Seend, at Easter sessions 1768, and ordered to be transported seven years, but having hurt his back in lifting a cart, he affected to be quite lame, and was refused by the merchants; in consequence of which a pardon was granted him, and he was sent to his parish to be maintained; but he is now returned to his former lodgings quite recovered. **Bath Chronicle and Weekly Gazette Thursday 15 August 1771**

1773

Marlborough Oct 9. At the general quarter sessions for Wiltshire held here this week, Susannah Smith for stealing a hat, handkerchief, cardinal and apron from Mary Scott of Seend, and Jane Curnick for stealing a cloth cloak, apron, two silver teaspoons, and a black crape gown, received sentence to be transported for seven years. **Bath Chronicle and Weekly Gazette Thursday 15 October 1773**

1784

On Monday night some villains made an attempt to enter the dwelling house of Col. Holwell, at Seend, Wilts, by taking our the glass of the casements, bur were prevented by the Colonel, who overhearing their operations , immediatly opened his chamber window, upon which the rogues desisted, and retreated over a low wall in the front of the house; bur not till the Col had given them the contents of a well-loaded pistol, which it is thought did some execution, as one of the villains was heard to utter an imprecation at the moment the pistol was fired. **Hampshire Chronicle Monday 17 May 1784**